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**FORMER PHOENIX LETTER CARRIER ADMITS TO FAILING TO
DELIVER OVER 200 PIECES OF MAIL AND POSSESSING
METHAMPHETAMINE WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

PHOENIX -- Kimberly Sue Haney, age 40, of Phoenix, Arizona, pleaded guilty on November 2, 2006, to one count of Theft of Mail Matter by a Postal Service Employee and one count of Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Distribute, in federal district court, before Magistrate Judge David K. Duncan, in Phoenix, Ariz.

In the course of her guilty plea, Haney admitted she was a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier in 2005 and worked out of the Phoenix Post Office's Maryvale Station. During her employment, Haney failed to deliver over 200 pieces of mail during the course of several days. The mail included a social security card and numerous credit card solicitations. Haney was required to deliver this mail as part of her job as a letter carrier. However, on one occasion in early October 2005, she took 76 pieces of the mail to her residence and later threw it out in her residential trash can on October 4, 2005. This mail was later recovered by the Postal Inspection Service and the Phoenix Police Department. After this incident, Haney took approximately 148 additional pieces of the mail to her residence intending to throw it out later in the same manner. This mail was recovered by the same law enforcement agencies during the execution of a search warrant on October 7, 2005. During a search of Haney at her residence on that date, the agencies found the 5.8 grams methamphetamine in four clear plastic baggies in a lunch box Haney was carrying along with \$425.00 in cash. Haney admitted that the government could prove she possessed the drugs with the intent to distribute them.

A conviction for Theft of Mail Matter by a Postal Service Employee carries a maximum penalty of five years, a \$250,000.00 fine or both. A conviction for Possession of Methamphetamine in this case carries a maximum penalty of twenty years, a \$1,000,000.00 fine or both. In determining the actual sentence, the District Court Judge assigned to the case, Roslyn O. Silver, will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. Judge Silver, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Sentencing is set before Judge Silver on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. Haney will remain out of custody under pretrial release conditions pending sentencing.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service and Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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